

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-12 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-2 and 4-10 have been rejected and claim 11 has been objected to. Claims 1-12 have been amended and claims 13 and 14 have been added. Claims 13 is claim 11 as originally filed with claims 1 and 10 have been incorporated into claim 13. Applicant does not believe that any new matter has been added to the claims.

Claim Objections – 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c)

The Examiner objected to claims 3 and 12 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim should refer to other claims in the alternative only. Accordingly, the Applicant has amended claims 3 and 12 to overcome the Examiner's objection. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 3 and 12 be reconsidered in light of these amendments.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated over GB 4,934,390 issued to Sapp ("SAPP") or, in the alternative, as obvious over SAPP. Applicant believes that the claims in the application of the present invention are completely different from the refrigerating equipment cleaning system disclosed in the Sapp Patent US4934390 because the declogging device is used externally. In the present invention, the declogging device is not the part or section of the refrigeration cycle system. Further the present invention includes the refrigeration cycle system including refrigerant pipes,

compressor and dryer have to be dismantled for using the de-clogging device and the declogging device could be used only for maintenance by a skilled service person. In order to prepare a clogged refrigeration cycle to the declogging process, compressor and dryer are detached and passage line and return line are split apart as explained in the description of the present invention paragraph (0049). This is not taught by SAPP.

Likewise, the declogging device of the present invention is an individual apparatus and it is used with the any kind of the refrigerant cycle system for refrigerators in attachable - detachable manner. Contrarily, the Sapp Patent US4934390 appears to be closed system as mentioned in your opinion and the cleaning device is the section of the refrigerating system. The declogging device in the present invention is simple, individual, attachable - detachable and applicable for any kind of refrigerator. Therefore, in fact, SAPP teaches away from Applicant's invention. Thus, SAPP does not disclose or fairly suggest the present invention.

Conclusion

Applicants believe they have addressed and responded to every point raised in the Examiner's present action. For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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